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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29774 / S1380

This legislation creates the “Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program” under Title 25, Chapter 41 under the Idaho Department of Agriculture. The fund for the program would pay education debts for qualified veterinarians providing care for agricultural production animals in rural areas. Eligible applicants would receive up to \$25,000 a year for 3 years with a commitment to work 4 years. If a recipient fails to abide by the contract, the grant award amount of the last year would be paid back to the department. Any candidate already receiving another loan repayment award is excluded from this program. Agricultural industry contributions, private donations, and federal funds can be added to the fund, when available. A five member advisory committee in the department would be established to conduct the grant process and monitor.

## FISCAL NOTE

The Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program would provide up to \$25,000 per year for 10 applicants, or an allocation of \$250,000 per year, ongoing. The fund would be administered by the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

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